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SPEAKER GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT
COLUMNIST FOR THE NEW YORK POST

Major Eliot has just returned from a three months trip to England, France, Italy, Turkey and all of the Arabian countries except Saudi Arabia. He inspected both Arab and Jewish Armies in the Middle East.

While on the trip, Eliot did his column "Power and Politics" for the New York Post; broadcast for CBS and wrote some spot news stories. He interviewed Sir Allan Cunningham, King Abdullah, Glubb Pasha, leaders of the Jewish Army and Ismet Inonu, President of Turkey, whom no correspondent had been able to interview for two years. His new book, now in the writing, will be entitled "Hate, Hope and High Explosives".

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SEND IN TO THE BULLETIN YOUR UNPUBLISHED SCOOPS, YOUR INSIDE ANECDOTES ABOUT OPC GUYS
AND GALS.

The Correspondents' Fund of the Overseas Press Club is the special Fund of the Club set up in 1942 to aid foreign correspondents in need. It is a worthy club project and as such deserves the support of all members.

By this time, members in the New York area have probably received an invitation to attend the world premiere of Paramount's new picture "A Foreign Affair" on Monday, June 28th at 8:15 P.M. The entire mezzanine floor has been reserved for OPC, guests of OPC members, several of the film stars and celebrities of stage and screen. The film which is a Brackett and Wilder comedy starring Jean Arthur, Marlene Dietrich and John Lund, will be shown at the Paramount theatre especially for this premiere as the film will not open until early July.

Richard de Rochemont, chairman of the Motion Picture Committee, has announced that members may bring as many guests as they like but the deadline for reservations on extra guests is the end of next week. Tickets will be mailed out as soon as the reservation cards are received along with the check. Even if members cannot attend, they are urged to buy tickets as a donation to the Fund.

A double attraction is included in this Benefit affair. Patrons may stay at the theatre and see the current attraction "Dream Girl" and the stage show with Phil Spitalny's orchestra or come back to the club for a drink and some tape recording of personalities. Lowell Thomas, President of the Fund, says that the Fund, which is constantly growing, has as its purpose emergency relief for men and women who have been foreign correspondents and who, because of age, illness or other unforeseen circumstances, are in need of temporary help.

Bernard Estes, vice chairman of the Committee, assures OPC members that their reservations will be given preference over those of distinguished guests and celebrities who will attend. Dress is optional.

Ben Washer of Paramount Pictures, also a member of the Committee and the Club has been instrumental in the Fund's being offered this excellent film "A Foreign Affair" which, although a gay comedy, gives an accurate description of the problems of American occupation in Germany. Many OPC members who have been reporting in Germany before, during and after the war will attend this premiere of the film.

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Henry Noble Hall, who has been treated for cancer with radioactive iodine, new atomic weapon against thyroid cancer, is the hero of an article which will appear in the June 29th issue of Collier's. Called "Guinea Pig For Cancer" and written by Amy Porter, the article describes how Henry drank a Hiroshima cocktail of 200 millcuries of radioactive iodine.

There will be a meeting of the Membership Committee on Thursday, June 24th, in the clubrooms at 8:30 P.M. Individual notices to the members of the Committee have been mailed. Will members having suggestions for the Membership Committee please contact Bob Eckhouse or Louis Lochner, Co-Chairmen of the Committee. See "Who's Who" for home addresses and telephone numbers.

Members are looking for Alex Small of the Chicago Tribune, who is rumored to be arriving in New York within the next few days. Will anyone seeing him or hear of him in Gotham call the club. Some of his cronies want a gabfest, etc., etc.

NOTICE.... Syndey Freifeld, director of the Canadian Information office in New York, asks that OPC photographers contact his office before taking off for Canada as recent import restrictions will prohibit them from taking their flashbulbs into the country except under special permit. Syd can secure permits if given enough time to clear them. He can also arrange to clear the usual posting of bond for photographic equipment, including wire photo units.

Ted Deglin has presented to the Club the Official Souvenir Book and Programme for the London Olympics, just imported from England and which is available to the public at \$1.15 a copy from Ramp, Inc., 277 Park Ave. It is the first of its kind and packed with articles, illustrations and records covering every phase of Olympic history, rules, events, sports, etc.

Eliot Elisofon of Time Life is now in Europe doing a photo-essay on the entire Atlantic Coast of Europe. From Gibraltar to the North Cape.

John Moynahan, former war correspondent with the Newark Evening News and press officer at Bikini, has been appointed to Mayor O'Dwyer's Advisory Committee on Atomic Education in connection with New York's Golden Anniversary.

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The following names of applicants for membership in the OPC are herewith posted: Send in your recommendations, complaints and suggestions to Craig Thompson, Chairman of the Admissions Committee at Time-Life, New York. Remember that the Committee is empowered to act on such applications within fifteen days of posting in the Bulletin so your communications should be mailed within the fortnight.

ACTIVE:

Bill Cunningham, Boston Herald, United Feature Syndicate, Mutual Broadcasting System. Boston Post correspondent in Europe in 1928 and 1936; Boston Herald war assignment, Europe 1940 and to Europe in 1945. Post war assignment to Europe, 1946 and to Europe and Italian elections and France, 1948.

Thomas A. Dozier, Time-Life, en route to London as correspondent for Time. Time assignment in Colombia and Peru, 1948; Press attache of U.S. Embassy, Nov. 1945 to April 1947 in Lima, Peru. Served on the Foreign Desk of the United Press in Washington, as correspondent for newspapers abroad.

Oscar Dystel, managing editor of Collier's. June 1942 to Sept. 1944 for the Office of War Information news editor in Cairo, Algiers, Middle East and Europe.

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Leo Iania, roving editor of the United Nations World, left last week for a three months' survey trip to the countries of Eastern and Western Europe--- he will cover twelve in all and has a very heavy schedule of interviewing top people regarding the rebirth of the various countries.

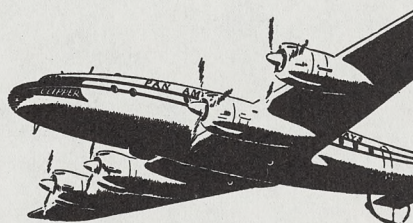
Walter Rundle of the United Press had a story in Editor and Publisher last week with a Shanghai date line (????). The Mosquit press of Shanghai, a group of ten newspapers of a sensational and libelous character is the subject of the piece. The facts in this press are of a purely sensational nature, mostly unrelated to facts and thriving on blackmail. Rundle remarks that despite a country where this sort of press could thrive, he was sued for libel for reporting the legitimate fact that a Nazi war criminal suspect had been arrested --- a case which went through two courts before he was cleared.

Charles Gillett, now with the N.Y. Visitors and Convention Bureau, announces the opening on June 18th of new offices at 500 Park Avenue. OPC members are invited to attend the reception or visit the Bureau offices any time.

Serge Fliegrers writes via airmail that the South African Society of Journalists, which he addressed a few weeks ago, voted to send greetings to the Overseas Press Club and wish to exchange publications with us. Serge has been the representative of the United Nations Appeal for Children in the Middle East and Africa and has been traveling in twenty countries for the past months. He will return to the Middle East shortly and would like to have some additional assignments for articles and post news coverage. He can be contacted care of the American Embassy in Cairo.

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Holiday time is starting in New York town and members are planning everything from a quiet country side rest in New England to a jaunt over the U.S. However, many members are going to cover the conventions (which takes care of the summer) or cover the Olympics or take a few months' trip to Europe. Talk of the uncertain future permeates the atmosphere.

At the June meeting of the Board of Governors, the recommendations of a special committee consisting of Egbert White, Hal Hoyle and John Daly regarding the Bulletin were accepted. Therefore, the Secretary, who is also the Editor of the Bulletin, will be held fully responsible to the Board for the editorial and mechanical functions of writing, printing and mailing the Bulletin. She will also be held responsible to the Board for observance of the policy of the following: "Under no circumstances shall the Bulletin be used for personal advantage of any member or group of members or for the purpose of presenting one or the other side of any controversy which may arise within the Club." In addition: "Reports of Board meetings in the OPC Bulletin will be approved by the President, or in his absence, by one of the vice presidents present at the meeting."

A new working committee-- to act in an advisory and contributory editorial capacity-- will work with the Secretary to enlarge the scope of the Bulletin and increase the diversity of items. It will be headed by Joe Rosapepe of the Associated Press and will include representatives of all professional classifications, such as news, radio, photographers, etc.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE CLUB LIBRARY INCLUDE: (In addition to the jackpot books for the luncheon)

THE INDONESIAN STORY, by Charles Wolf, Jr., from John Day Company

INSIDE U.S.A., by John Gunther, from Harper and Brothers

RUSSIAN JOURNAL, by Steinbeck and Capa, from the Viking Press

THUNDER BEATS THE DRUM, by John Hewlett, from the author

THE TRUTH ABOUT COMMUNISM, by Dorothy Thompson, from the author

DARKNESS AT NOON, by Arthur Koestler, from Penguin Books

THE GOEBBELS DIARIES, edited by Louis Lochner, from Doubleday & Co.

Cesar Saerchinger of NBC and Ralph Goldburgh of the N.Y. Times have both donated to the Club about fifty books each on foreign affairs, for which the Library Committee is very grateful. At this rate, the clubrooms will soon be too small for our library and increased activities. Titles of some of the Goldburgh books include "They Were Expendable" by W.L. White; "No Other Road to Freedom" by Leland Stowe; "Try and Stop Me" by Bennett Cerf; and some of the Saerchinger books include "Revolution in India" by France Gunther; "World Order" by Hans Kohn; "The War of Confusion" by Leslie Balogh Bain, etc.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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